

Senate Bill 513

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Rogers of the 21st, Hill of the 32nd and Chapman of the 3rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 8 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe use of remote service terminals (ATMs), so as to require the use of 9-1-1 emergency call capability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 8 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe use of remote service terminals (ATMs), is amended by adding a new Code section, immediately following Code Section 7-8-4, relating to notices to remote service terminal customers of basic safety precautions, to read as follows:

"7-8-4.1.

(a) The General Assembly hereby finds that remote service terminal (ATM) withdrawals made under duress are a peculiar danger to the public generally and to the users of remote service terminals in particular.

(b) Where 9-1-1 emergency service is available, a remote service terminal (ATM) shall contain a dedicated voice telephone line operable by a single switch that establishes an immediate connection to the available 9-1-1 emergency service. The switch shall be activated through the use of remote service terminal (ATM) access device.

(c) Each remote service terminal (ATM) shall have displayed, in a conspicuous place, a warning notice that any person who knowingly makes a false alarm or places a call through the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system without the purpose of reporting the need for 9-1-1 service shall be subject to criminal prosecution for an offense which shall be punishable by a fine of \$500.00, or imprisonment for a minimum of no less than six months, or both."

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